

# SPORT FISHING

## *Emergency Order*

ALASKA DEPARTMENT  
OF FISH & GAME

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-SS-F-29-19

Issued at: Haines, Thursday, September 26, 2019

Effective 12:01 a.m.  
Date: Saturday, September 28, 2019

Expiration Date: 11:59 p.m. Sunday, November 17, 2019 unless superseded by subsequent emergency order.

**EXPLANATION:** This emergency order increases the bag and possession limits for coho salmon in the Chilkat River drainage.

**REGULATION:** The provisions of 5 AAC 47.023(c)(1)(B) are superseded by this emergency order. Under this emergency order, the following provisions are effective 12:01 a.m. Saturday, September 28 through 11:59 p.m. Sunday, November 17, 2019.

**5 AAC 47.023. Special provisions for seasons, bag, possession, annual, and size limits, and methods and means for the fresh waters of Southeast Alaska Area.**

(c) In the Haines vicinity:

(1) in the Chilkat River drainage,

(B) the bag and possession limits for coho salmon 16 inches or greater in length is a bag limit of six fish and a possession limit is twelve fish;

Douglas Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:

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Richard Chapell  
Haines/Skagway  
Area Management Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:** The run of coho salmon to the Chilkat River is larger than anticipated this year. As of September 23, a total of 2,415 coho salmon have been caught in the Chilkat River fish wheels. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest coho salmon catch in the fish wheels for this date and almost double the 22-year average catch of 1,376 fish. As a result, the escapement to the Chilkat River is projected to be above the upper end of the escapement goal range (30,000 to 70,000 coho salmon) for this stock. Therefore, an increase in bag and possession limits is justified under the provisions of 5 AAC 75.003 (2)(A).

**DISTRIBUTION:** The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region 1 Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P. O. Box 110024, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270 and at the Haines/Skagway Area Office, P.O. Box 330, Haines, AK 99827, (907) 766-2625.